

Games were an outgrowth of the Olympic bribery scandal which has embarrassed my home state. His comments were most unfortunate for many reasons—not the least of which is his suggestion that these appropriations requests are in any way improper is just wrong.

SLOC made its budget publicly available to the press. It has briefed officials at federal agencies and at the White House. SLOC has regularly visited with members of Congress including members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Right from the outset, SLOC outlined their plans and budgets and has provided periodic updates. These updates have showed lower requirements for federal assistance. But, again, this fact was not mentioned in the GAO report or by the Senator from Arizona.

A second criticism of the GAO report is its comparison of federal support for the Los Angeles Summer Games in 1984 to federal assistance for the Salt Lake Games in 2002. Simply put, this is an apples to oranges comparison.

First, the Salt Lake Olympic Committee has fully integrated planning for the Paralympic Games with the Olympic Games. The Paralympics did not even exist in 1984. In 1996, Atlanta chose to have two separate organizing entities.

Second, the Senator from Arizona may not have noticed, but there have been an estimated 7,282 reported terrorist attacks since 1984. Let me refresh my colleagues' memories. These attacks have included: Pam Am Flight 103 in 1988; the World Trade Center in 1993; the Oklahoma City Federal Building in 1995; the Tokyo subway in 1995; Khobar Towers in 1997; and U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998.

Not all of them have been on the front pages of major newspapers, but this startling number demonstrates the need for enhanced security at an international event like the Olympic Games. The same level of security provided for the Los Angeles Games would most likely be inadequate for the Salt Lake Games. It is essential that we provide security based on the situation in the year 2002.

Security and counterterrorism are legitimate federal duties. I am glad the Secret Service is getting \$14.8 million for communications infrastructure. I want our law enforcement personnel to have the best equipment available, not just for the Salt Lake City Olympics, but at all times.

I do not believe that the Secret Service, FBI, and other security agencies are buying disposable products. This equipment will be well used to keep Americans safe in cities all across America.

Third, and perhaps most importantly, by the GAO's own calculation, only \$254 million is requested for planning and staging the Games, not the

\$1.3 billion figure cited yesterday. I would like to note that this is roughly 25 percent of the entire budget for the Salt Lake Games.

If that seems like a lot, let us review the point made by the Congressional Research Service in its 1997 report, "Financing the Olympic Games Held in the United States, 1904-1960: A Brief Overview," and noted by the GAO. In 1960, Squaw Valley received an appropriation of \$20 million to assist in staging the Winter Olympic Games—about 25 percent of the total budget for the Games.

Let me be clear that I am not advocating an automatic 25 percent federal subsidy for a host city. But, I wish to make the point that this level of assistance is not unprecedented and could be construed as quite modest when compared with governmental subsidies foreign cities receive from their national governments.

Before I conclude, Mr. President, I would like to make one final point.

The Senator from Arizona suggested yesterday that the USOC should not consider bids of cities that do not have the capacity to host the Games.

Well, Mr. President, that would eliminate every city in America from hosting an Olympic Games, summer or winter. No city—not even New York or Los Angeles—could put on a 21st century, multi-week, international event like this entirely on its own.

Think about this: Lake Placid, New York, has hosted the Winter Games twice, in 1932 and in 1980. But, in 1990, Lake Placid had a population of fewer than 2500 people. There is no way metropolitan Salt Lake City, with a million people, let alone Lake Placid could host these Games under the proposed McCain criteria.

Allow me to suggest, Mr. President, that America itself will host the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, just as it did in Atlanta, Los Angeles, Lake Placid, or Squaw Valley. An American bid city is selected by the United States Olympic Committee for its organizational ability and world class sporting venues. It becomes America's choice. If chosen by the IOC, the city does not host the Games on its own behalf, but for our whole country.

When a U.S. athlete mounts the podium in Salt Lake City two years from now, the music you hear will not be "Come, Come Ye Saints." No, it will be "The Star-Spangled Banner," our country's national anthem.

I agree with the GAO and with Senator McCain on one thing. I agree that we ought to give some consideration to how, if the United States ever hosts another Olympic Games, we should support the host city. There is much to commend a better process for such support.

I would be very happy to join Senator McCain in such a mission. But, I wish that, in the meantime, he would join us

in support of America's host city for the XIX Winter Olympiad.

#### VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, it has been more than a year since the Columbine tragedy, but still this Republican Congress refuses to act on sensible gun legislation.

Since Columbine, thousands of Americans have been killed by gunfire. Until we act, Democrats in the Senate will read the names of some of those who have lost their lives to gun violence in the past year, and we will continue to do so every day that the Senate is in session.

In the name of those who died, we will continue this fight. Following are the names of some of the people who were killed by gunfire one year ago today.

September 20, 1999:

Donetta L. Adams, 26, Bloomington, IN; Barbara F. Allen, 65, Bloomington, IN; Eugene S. Bassett, Jr., 35, Davenport, IA; Antonio Butler, 19, Miami, FL; William Cook, 38, Detroit, MI; Rosa Gomez, 41, Miami, FL; Travis L. Harris, 27, Chicago, IL; James Hoard, 31, Bloomington, IN; Katherine Kruppa, 39, Houston, TX; Teal Lane, 19, Baltimore, MD; Mark Pitts, 22, Detroit, MI.

One of the victims of gun violence I mentioned was 65-year-old Barbara Allen of Bloomington, Indiana. Barbara's boyfriend shot and killed both her and her pregnant daughter, 26-year-old Donetta Adams, before turning the gun on himself.

Another victim of gun violence, 41-year-old Rosa Gomez of Miami, was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend after having been harassed and threatened by him on several occasions.

We cannot sit back and allow such senseless gun violence to continue. The deaths of these people are a reminder to all of us that we need to enact sensible gun legislation now.

#### PERMANENT NORMAL TRADING RELATIONS FOR CHINA

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to discuss the vote I cast yesterday in support of H.R. 4444, the bill extending permanent normal trading relations to the Peoples' Republic of China.

While the vote we cast yesterday was to grant China PNTR, it cannot be viewed separate from the question of China's accession to the WTO. In our negotiations with the Chinese over their entry in the WTO, we agreed to end the annual exercise of renewing NTR and to extend NTR to China permanently. In fact, if we do not grant China PNTR we will be the ones in violation of the WTO's rules when China is ultimately granted entry into the WTO. And, as a result, we will lose access to their markets and the beneficiaries of this will be our trade competitors in Europe, Asia, and South